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U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood Appoints New Advisory Council Members for Transportation Statistics

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood today announced the appointment of 10 new members to the Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS) to advise the Department's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), on statistical matters.

"We are bringing together a knowledgeable group from diverse parts of the transportation community to provide their expertise to the Department," Secretary LaHood said. "The new ACTS members will assist the Department in coordinating data and statistics with our work on transportation systems for the future."

RITA Administrator Peter Appel said the appointments are an important step for BTS. "I expect the new ACTS members to provide recommendations to help BTS increase the quality and relevance of its data at a time when the Department is working to create a 21st century transportation system," he said. "These appointments are a springboard for BTS' future as a vital factor in transportation."

ACTS was created by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005 to advise BTS on the quality, reliability, consistency, objectivity, and relevance of transportation statistics and analyses collected, supported, or disseminated by the Bureau and the Department.

The new members are Christina Casgar, San Diego Port Authority; Robert Costello, American Trucking Associations; Elizabeth Deakin, University of California, Berkeley; George Donohue, George Mason University; John Gray, Association of American Railroads; Michael Replogle, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy; Anthony Kane, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Kara Kockelman, University of Texas at Austin; Leanna Depeau, Missouri Department of Transportation; and John-Paul Clarke, Georgia Institute of Technology.

The new appointees replace previous ACTS members whose terms expired.

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A Message from Ray LaHood - Every single time someone takes their eyes or their focus off the road – even for just a few seconds – they put their lives and the lives of others in danger. [Distracted driving](#) is unsafe, irresponsible and in a split second, its consequences can be devastating.



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